

LIVERPOOL LEADS A REACTION IN COTTON

Prices Show Net Loss for the Day Despite Numerous Damage Reports.

NEW FACTORS IN MARKET

Old Crop Situation Considered Discounted and Future Depends on Weather.

Liverpool showed a pronounced reactionary tendency yesterday and at the time of the New York opening was about 10 English points lower than due. This caused an opening break here of 12 to 15 points, with a very unsettled feeling during the first half hour of trading. There were enough bad crop accounts, however, from Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana to induce rather speculative buying by local and Southern speculators, including the leading spot interest, and prices made a moderate recovery, although the net loss for the day was \$10.15 points.

With the exception of the crowd of up-town operators who sold out on the hodge last week, sentiment is generally bullish. Crop dispatches are of an inflammatory character, liberally interspersed with lurid adjectives, which depict a generally "deplorable" condition. The flood area has extended somewhat and the high water is now said to extend to Tallahatchie, La., which is seventeen miles west of Vicksburg, with Memphis and New Orleans in imminent reach. Monroe, which is about thirty miles from Tallahatchie, the Yazoo delta is also said to be under water as the result of heavy rains and seepage. Taken altogether the dispatches state that an area producing 200,000 bales is flooded. Some advices reaching the market stated that the flood damage was being grossly exaggerated, but that probably goes without saying.

Some of the conservative local and Liverpool interests believe that the market from now on will revolve around a different set of conditions. The old crop situation has been pretty well threshed out. There is still a large amount of the enormous exports, big trade takings of the immature sales for deferred delivery. They are predictions which have crystallized into facts and are as indisputable as the size of the crop. It looks as if the influences emanating from last year's yield, so far as the supply and demand features for the current season, have received a liberal discounting on both sides. In other words the trade has admitted the size of the crop and the demands that have been made upon it. From now on the incentive to market movements either way must come from the weather, always bearing in mind, however, that it may be a large one, with probably 14,000,000 bales required to preserve the equilibrium between supply and demand on the basis of 11 cents. Inasmuch as the two most important months are May and August it can thus be seen that such speculation as now enters the market must take a risk on what the coming season will bring forth.

Futures closed barely steady, with prices 9 to 15 points lower. Estimated sales, 300,000 bales. Prices as follows:

	Open	High	Low	Clos.	Prev.
May	11.45	11.48	11.40	11.24	11.66
July	11.45	11.55	11.45	11.31	11.31
October	11.24	11.35	11.25	11.30	11.42
December	11.41	11.45	11.34	11.44	11.44

Futures in New Orleans were as follows:

	Open	High	Low	Clos.	Prev.
May	11.45	11.55	11.45	11.31	11.66
July	11.60	11.75	11.65	11.50	11.66
October	11.45	11.45	11.34	11.44	11.44
December	11.49	11.47	11.38	11.46	11.47

Spot cotton was in fair demand, 7 points lower, at 41¢ a pound. Futures opened about 3 points down and closed about 6 points lower. Prices as follows:

	Open	High	Low	Clos.	Prev.
May	41.50	41.55	41.45	41.45	41.60
July	41.50	41.55	41.45	41.45	41.60
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December	41.50	41.55	41.45	41.45	41.60

Estimated last week. Year.

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Houston	300,000	300,000	11.45	11.55	11.45	11.45	11.66
Austin	100,000	100,000	11.45	11.55	11.45	11.45	11.66
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